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8 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
9 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES DIVISION**

10 In re
11 GIRARDI KEESE
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Case No. 2:20-bk-21022-BR

Chapter 7

**NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR
ORDER REQUIRING EXAMINATION
AND PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
BY ULLMAN ACCOUNTANCY CORP.
AND MICHAEL J. ULLMAN PURSUANT
TO RULE 2004 OF THE FEDERAL
RULES OF BANKRUPTCY
PROCEDURE; MEMORANDUM OF
POINTS AND AUTHORITIES;
DECLARATION OF RONALD
RICHARDS IN SUPPORT THEREOF**

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2 **TO THE HONORABLE BARRY RUSSELL, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE,**
3 **THE DEBTOR, ULLMAN ACCOUNTANCY CORP AND MICHAEL J. ULLMAN, AND**
4 **OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:**

5 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that, pursuant to this “Notice of Motion and Motion
6 for Order Requiring Production of Documents Pursuant to Rule 2004 of the Federal Rules
7 of Bankruptcy Procedure; Memorandum of Points and Authorities; Declaration of Ronald
8 Richards in Support Thereof” (the “Motion”), Elissa D. Miller (the “Trustee”), the duly
9 appointed, qualified, and acting chapter 7 trustee for the estate of the debtor Girardi
10 Keese (the “Debtor”), respectfully requests, pursuant to Rule 2004 of the Federal Rules
11 of Bankruptcy Procedure and Local Bankruptcy Rule 2004-1, an order directing ULLMAN
12 ACCOUNTANCY CORP AND MICHAEL J. ULLMAN collectively (“Ullman”) to produce
13 the documents identified in Exhibit “A” attached hereto (the “Requested Documents”) by
14 no later than July 21, 2021, and that Ullman appear for examination, under oath, and that
15 such examination take place on July 23, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., Pacific Time.

16 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, in light of anticipated continuation
17 of office closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trustee requests that the
18 documents be produced electronically by email to ron@ronaldrichards.com and
19 morani@ronaldrichards.com.

20 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, in light of anticipated continuation
21 of office closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the examination shall take place via
22 “zoom.com” and the instructions for the zoom meeting shall be provided to Ullman no
23 later than July 21, 2021.

24 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that this Motion is brought in
25 accordance with Rule 2004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Local
26 Bankruptcy Rule 2004-1, in light of the fact that no adversary proceeding is pending in
27 which Ullman is a party, and is made on the grounds that the examination is necessary
28 for the Trustee to ascertain and discover assets of the estate including, without limitation,

1 possible avoidance power claims against, among others, Erika Girardi aka Erika Jayne
2 aka Erika Chahoy and her affiliated entities. Due to the limited scope of this Motion, the
3 Trustee anticipates that further document production(s) and examination(s) may be
4 necessary.

5 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that this Motion is based on the
6 attached memorandum of points and authorities, the attached exhibits, and the file in this
7 case, of which the Court is requested to take judicial notice.

8 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, unless otherwise ordered by the
9 Court, this Motion will be ruled on without a hearing pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule
10 9013-1(p).

11 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, since Ullman is not the debtor,
12 the Trustee also will be issuing a subpoena pursuant to Rule 9016 of the Federal Rules
13 of Bankruptcy Procedure and Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which will
14 be served after the order granting the Motion is entered.

15 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to Local Bankruptcy
16 Rule 2004-1(f), the party whose examination is requested may file a motion for protective
17 order if grounds exist under Rule 7026 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and
18 Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. A motion for protective order must be
19 filed and served not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of the examination, and
20 set for hearing not less than two (2) days before the scheduled examination, unless an
21 order setting hearing on shortened notice is granted by the court pursuant to Local
22 Bankruptcy Rule 9075-1. The parties may stipulate, or the court may order, that the
23 examination be postponed so that the motion for protective order can be heard on regular
24 notice under Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1.

25 **WHEREFORE**, the Trustee respectfully requests that the Court enter an
26 order:

- 27 1. granting the Motion;

1 2. directing ULLMAN ACCOUNTANCY CORP and Michael J. Ullman to
2 produce the documents identified in Exhibit "A" by no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 21,
3 2021, and that such documents be produced electronically by email to
4 ron@ronaldrichards.com and morani@ronaldrichards.com;

5 3. directing ULLMAN ACCOUNTANCY CORP and Michael J. Ullman to
6 appear for examination, under oath, on July 23, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., Pacific Time, with the
7 examination to take place via "zoom.com";

8 4. retaining jurisdiction to consider any additional request for
9 information and documents on appropriate notice; and

10 5. granting such other and further relief as this Court deems just and
11 proper under the circumstances.

12 DATED: June 23, 2021

Law Offices of Ronald Richards & Associates, APC

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15 By: /s/ Ronald Richards
16 Ronald Richards
17 Special Litigation Counsel for Elissa D. Miller,
18 Chapter 7 Trustee
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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I.

PREFATORY STATEMENT

In order to uncover the whereabouts of potential assets of the estate, including the location of millions of dollars of litigation settlement proceeds or other firm assets which may have been fraudulently transferred to Erika Girardi aka Erika Jayne aka Erika Chahoy and her affiliated entities (collectively, “Erika”), the Trustee must examine witnesses who may have first-hand knowledge of this widespread fraud. ULLMAN ACCOUNTANCY CORP and Michael J. Ullman, who are Erika’s accountants and business managers, are one such witnesses. Because the Motion’s aim is to uncover potential recipients of fraudulently transferred monies, and will aid the Trustee in fulfilling her fiduciary duties to creditors by enabling her to access key financial information relative to the Debtor’s business operations and potential avoidance actions, the Motion must be granted.

II.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND

Girardi Keese (the “Debtor”) was, before its downfall, a highly regarded plaintiff’s law firm based in Los Angeles, California. As the layers of the onion began to be peeled back, it was discovered that a wide-spread fraud had been perpetrated, to the detriment of scores of litigants who placed their trust in the Debtor and its widely-known founder, Thomas Girardi (“Girardi”). As a result of the unearthed information, on December 18, 2020, petitioning creditors Jill O’Callahan, as successor in interest to James O’Callahan, Robert M. Keese, John Abassian, Erika Saldana, Virginia Antonio, and Kimberly Archie (collectively, the “Petitioning Creditors”) filed an involuntary chapter 7 bankruptcy petition against the Debtor.¹

¹ The Petitioning Creditors also filed an involuntary chapter 7 bankruptcy petition against Thomas V. Girardi, which is currently pending as Case No. 2:20-bk-21020-BR.

1 On December 24, 2020, the Petitioning Creditors filed a “Motion for
2 Appointment of Interim Trustee Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 303(g)” (the “Interim Trustee
3 Motion”) [Docket No. 12]. The Court entered an order granting the Interim Trustee
4 Motion on January 5, 2021 [Docket No. 45] and, on January 6, 2021, the Trustee was
5 appointed as the interim trustee. On January 13, 2021, the Court entered its “Order
6 Directing: (1) The Clerk of Court to Immediately Enter an Order for Relief Under Chapter
7 7; (2) the United States Trustee to Immediately Appoint a Chapter 7 Trustee; (3) the
8 Debtor to File All Schedules and Related Documentation for Chapter 7 Case Within
9 Fourteen Days of the Entry of This Order; and (4) Vacating February 16, 2021 Status
10 Conference” [Docket No. 68]. The same day, the Clerk of Court entered an order for
11 relief against the Debtor, and the Trustee was subsequently appointed and accepted her
12 appointment in the Debtor’s case.

13 The Trustee is six months into her administration of the estate, and is
14 beginning to unravel the numerous transactions which may be avoidable and recoverable
15 for the benefit of creditors. Among the possible assets to be recovered are the millions of
16 dollars of settlement proceeds which the Debtor may have transferred to Erika. The
17 Trustee’s Special Litigation Counsel (“SLC”) has already corroborated that settlement
18 funds were diverted to Erika. The SLC for the Trustee has already confirmed that the
19 Debtor has admitted in numerous filed tax documents that Erika’s related companies
20 have received over \$20,000,000 according to the tax documents spanning multiple years.
21 Erika has created a new company AFTER the news broke of this scandal which appears
22 to simply be a successor company. Erika has multiple financial accounts and the
23 Debtor’s books show Erika owes large receivables to the Debtor. Erika has refused to
24 provide access to her management company, her CPA which also houses her
25 management company, any books and records of EJ Global or any of her affiliated
26 companies. As each day goes by, Erika has been publicly dissipating community assets
27 by selling her clothes on public websites, flaunting large jewels on social media and on
28 television, and has done nothing to assist in return structured firm payments being made

1 to her instead of the firm by the California lottery, notwithstanding she was contacted
2 through counsel over twelve days ago.

3 Moreover, to further hide assets, she has created a successor company
4 using the same CPA and management company.

5 Michael J. Ullman, the target of this motion, is the agent of process for
6 Pretty Mess Inc., the successor company referenced above. Erika is using his business
7 address for her own corporate address. This creates a potential conflict but more
8 importantly, he has control of all of her business records. Her office is at her business
9 manager and CPA's office, on Sunset Blvd.. The entity was created on February 23,
10 2021, in the middle of this bankruptcy.

11 At every turn, Erika has used the glam to continue to aid and abet this sham
12 transactions that have been occurring with respect to large transfers of assets from the
13 Debtor to Erika. Moreover, the Trustee has received zero cooperation from Erika which
14 is constant with someone hiding assets.

15 To the extent Erika has spent the \$20,000,000 plus that is showed owed to
16 the Debtor, the SLC will bring an action for a money judgment for any Debtor funds
17 received then spent.

18 On November 3, 2020, Erika filed for divorce in the Los Angeles Superior
19 Court, Case Number: 20STFL11050, entitled GIRARDI, ERIKA VS GIRARDI, THOMAS
20 VINCENT. The case is stayed pending the personal bankruptcy of Thomas Girardi and
21 his conservatorship. Thomas Girardi's attorney is Michael Abrams. Erika Girardi's family
22 law attorney is Larry A. Ginsburg.

23 This filing was done before the involuntary bankruptcy. There are
24 communications with counsel for Erika, financial statements, discloses, and non-
25 privileged documents that are provided to divorce counsel.

26 Furthermore, Michael J. Ullman was paid for his services. The incoming
27 wire or check payments will provide accounts. How those accounts were capitalized and
28 who paid her legal fees will provide valuable information to recover assets. It will also

1 potentially identify any aiders and abettors assisting Erika in hiding the Debtor's assets.
2 Payments to an attorney are not privileged nor are Harris Ullman's financial records.

3 In order to assist her in the performance of her statutory duties, on April 26,
4 2021, the Trustee filed an application seeking to employ the Law Offices of Ronald
5 Richards & Associates, APC ("Richards APC") as her special litigation counsel to
6 investigate and, if warranted, sue Erika. The Court overruled Erika's objection to the
7 Trustee's application, and an order authorizing the employment of Richards APC was
8 entered on June 10, 2021. Not surprisingly, it was only Erika, a non-creditor who
9 objected to the appointment.

10 On June 10, 2021, the SLC sent a demand to Erika's attorney demanding
11 repayment of a Girardi Keese fee that was improperly assigned to Erika. Erika has
12 received for years this improper assignment of the Debtor's attorney fee portion arising
13 from a client settlement instead of the money going to the firm. The irrefutable evidence
14 was provided to Erika's counsel which included a notarized form signed by Erika and
15 other irrefutable evidence including a court order. Despite numerous communications
16 asking Erika's counsel to confirm receipt of the demand, no response or acknowledgment
17 was provided. Twelve days have passed, and this detailed letter remained unanswered.

18 On June 15, 2021, Erika's attorneys filed a motion to withdraw alleging a
19 breakdown in the relationship which suggests of a loss of client control.

20 On June 15, 2021, Thomas Girardi's trustee filed a motion seeking relief
21 from stay to pursue a third party state debtor's exam against Erika.

22 On June 17, 2021, Erika's attorneys withdrew their motion to withdraw as
23 counsel.

24 Due to the mounting legal matters, the SLC is concerned that absent the
25 investigation occurring rapidly, Erika may further dissipate the Debtor's assets. The
26 necessity to trace her money and investigate the receipt of funds, her purchases
27 including the bling and the glam, (diamonds and high expenditures of beauty
28 maintenance, etc.) has become more heightened by these recent events. Erika has

1 repeatedly referenced a lack of any concern for her expenditures and lifestyle in the face
2 of a \$50,000,000 plus loss and unaccounted funds from his husbands law firm and their
3 personal joint financial estate. As recently as yesterday, she callously sent out on social
4 medial her bewilderment why people would continue to be upset at her displays of wealth
5 (glam) while at a gas station, notwithstanding this money could be the Debtor's and
6 clients of the Debtor's settlement proceeds, as well as other lenders and attorneys who
7 have been cheated out of their money.

8 To determine if funds Erika used to pay Ullman Accountancy Corp and
9 Michael J. Ullman ("Ullman"), her accountants and business manager, with funds that
10 were fraudulently procured from the Debtor, it is necessary for Ullman to produce key
11 financial documents and be subject to testimony under oath. Furthermore, Ullman is the
12 true insider as they manage all of her money and businesses. Specifically, the Trustee's
13 investigation already has uncovered transfers of assets to Erika that purportedly belong
14 to the Debtor. This Rule 2004 examination seeks financial records from a third party who
15 handles all of Erika's finances for her various companies, uses its business address for
16 financial and corporate records, and has the most knowledge of deposits and cash flow
17 of Erika. He will also have communications with her attorneys and with Erika about
18 financial transactions and the movement of money. There is no privilege associated with
19 the requested documents as they are financial records Ullman received from Erika,
20 manages for Erika, or receives from Erika's banks. Also, all the financial statements her
21 prepares for Erika or his accountant notes for Erika are not privileged. All the checks
22 and wires he initiates for Erika or receives or initiates for Erika are not privileged.

23 As noted, since there is no pending adversary proceeding between the
24 Trustee and Ullman, Rule 2004 is the proper vehicle for the Trustee to obtain the
25 necessary financial records.

1 III.

2 **THE COURT SHOULD ORDER ULLMAN TO PRODUCE THE REQUESTED**
3 **DOCUMENTS AND ATTEND AN ORAL EXAMINATION**
4 **PURSUANT TO RULE 2004 OF THE FEDERAL RULES**
5 **OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE**

6 Rule 2004 provides that “[o]n motion of any party in interest, the court may
7 order the examination of any entity.” Fed. R. Bank. P. 2004(a). The scope of the
8 examination may relate to “the acts, conduct, or property or to the liabilities and financial
9 condition of the debtor, or to any matter which may affect the administration of the
10 debtor’s estate, or to the debtor’s right to a discharge,” as well as matters regarding “the
11 operation of the Debtor’s business, the source of any money acquired or to be acquired
12 by the Debtor for purposes of consummating a plan and the consideration give or offered
13 therefor, and other matters relevant to the case and the formulation of a plan.” Fed. R.
14 Bank. P. 2004(b). Thus, the purpose of the examination is to “view the condition and
15 whereabouts of the bankrupt’s estate.” Keene Corp. v. Johns-Manville Corp. (In re
16 Johns-Manville), 42 B.R. 362, 364 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1984). Furthermore, Rule 2004 also
17 provides for an order requiring the production of documents in connection with the Rule
18 2004 examination. Fed. R. Bank. P. 2004(c).

19 Courts routinely permit a wide range of inquiry pursuant to Rule 2004. See
20 In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Group, Inc., 123 B.R. 702, 711 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1991)
21 (scope of a Rule 2004 examination is very broad, broader even than discovery under the
22 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure); In re Table Talk, Inc., 51 B.R. 143, 145 (Bankr. D.
23 Mass. 1985) (courts uniformly recognize that the scope of a Rule 2004 examination is
24 “unfettered and broad”); In re Mittco, Inc., 44 B.R. 35, 36 (Bankr. E.D. Wis. 1984) (“The
25 scope of inquiry under Bankruptcy Rule 2004 is very broad. Great latitude of inquiry is
26 ordinarily permitted.”). As the bankruptcy court explained in In re Mantolesky, 14 B.R.
27 973 (Bankr. D. Mass. 1981):

1 Rule 205 [now Rule 2004] provides all interested parties a
2 mechanism for the investigation and reconstruction of the
3 debtor's affairs. That mechanism may cut a broad swath
4 through the debtor's affairs, those associated with him, and
5 those who might have had business dealings with him.
6 Further, those persons who might have been closely
7 connected with the debtor in his business arrangements, or
8 who even participated in them, will most likely be exposed to
9 the most extensive inquiry.

10 Id., at 976.

11 In short, under the broad scope of Rule 2004(b), an examination of the
12 debtor, or third parties with relevant information regarding assets of the estate, is
13 inquisitorial in nature, and consequently the field of inquiry is wide. Within the limitations
14 prescribed, any question is permissible which seeks to ascertain facts concerning the
15 debtor's conduct, property, and financial affairs. An examination pursuant to Rule 2004
16 may therefore "cut a broad swath through the debtor's affairs." Johns-Manville, 42 B.R.
17 at 364.

18 Relative to this case, the Trustee seeks documents from Ullman regarding
19 the source of funds used to pay the attorney fee and retainer payments for Erika's
20 counsel, as well as other financial documents which may be relevant to the Trustee's
21 investigation. The Trustee seeks to discover the identity of the sources of payments
22 made to Ullman to determine, among other things, whether the funds can be traced to the
23 Debtor, or were funds fraudulently procured from the Debtor. Emails and other
24 communications to Erika, her attorneys, and others, are important for the SLC's
25 investigation.

26 Since the requested document production cannot proceed under Rules
27 7034 or 9014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure - since no adversary
28 proceeding or contested matter has been commenced with respect to the specific issues

1 and transactions Creditors wish to investigate through these requests - the requested
2 document production and examination is appropriate under Rule 2004.

3 **IV.**

4 **PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND/OR EMPLOYMENT OF EXAMINEE**

5 The Trustee is informed that the principal business address of Ullman
6 Accountancy Corp is 9200 Sunset Blvd. Suite 600, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

7 (This information is being provided pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule
8 2004-1).

9 **V.**

10 **MEET AND CONFER**

11 The Trustee SLC contacted Michael Ullman's office on June 23, 2021. He
12 spoke with Mr. Ullman's assistant Kathleen P. (Last name omitted for privacy). She
13 acknowledged receipt of the meet and confer email confirming that Erika's accountant
14 would want a court order to release her documents. SLC followed up and requested an
15 acknowledgement of the position set forth in the email. SLC called a third time and sent a
16 second email. Suddenly, Mr. Ullman had to leave the office for an "emergency" meeting.
17 SLC advised he could not force participation in a meet and confer. SLC believes he has
18 attempted to satisfy this requirement in good faith. See declaration of Ronald Richards,
19 affixed hereto.

20 **VI.**

21 **LOCATION OF EXAMINATION**

22 Rule 2004(c) provides that "[t]he attendance of an entity for examination
23 and for the production of documents, whether the examination is to be conducted within
24 or without the district in which the case is pending, may be compelled as provided in Rule
25 9016 for the attendance of a witness at a hearing or trial." Rule 9016 of the Federal
26 Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure states that Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil
27 Procedure applies in bankruptcy cases. Rule 45(c)(2) provides that a subpoenaed party
28 may be required to attend at any place within 100 miles from the place where that person

1 resides, is employed, or transacts business in person. Here, the Trustee proposes to
2 conduct the examination of Ullman via “zoom.com” such that there will no inconvenience
3 to Ullman. The examination will be recorded by audio, audiovisual, and/or stenographic
4 means. If the examination is not completed on the date set forth herein, it will continue
5 from business day to business day, Sundays and holidays excepted, until completed
6 unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

7 **VII.**

8 **CONCLUSION**

9 The requested production of documents and oral examination are central to
10 the Trustee’s independent investigation into the Debtor’s assets and liabilities which will
11 assist the Trustee in her administration of the estate. Accordingly, the Trustee requests
12 that the Court order Ullman to produce documents responsive to the requests in Exhibit
13 “A” on or before July 21, 2022. In light of anticipated continuation of office closures
14 related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trustee requests that the documents be
15 produced electronically by email to ron@ronaldrichards.com and
16 morani@ronaldrichards.com. Due to the limited scope of the Motion, the Trustee
17 anticipates that further document production(s) could be necessary and the Trustee,
18 therefore, reserve the right to serve additional document requests.

19 In addition, the Trustee requests that the Court order Michael J. Ullman and
20 the Custodian of Records for ULLMAN ACCOUNTANCY CORP to appear for
21 examination, under oath, on July 23, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., Pacific Time. In light of
22 anticipated continuation of office closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the
23 examination shall take place via “zoom.com” and the instructions for the zoom meeting
24 shall be provided to Ullman no later than July 21, 2021, unless the Trustee, in her sole
25 discretion, designates another means of electronic examination.

1 DATED: June 23, 2021

Law Offices of Ronald Richards & Associates, APC

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By: /s/ Ronald Richards

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Ronald Richards
Special Litigation Counsel for Elissa D. Miller,
Chapter 7 Trustee

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DECLARATION OF RONALD RICHARDS

I, Ronald Richards, declare:

1. I am an individual over the age of eighteen, a principal of Law Offices of Ronald Richards & Associates, APC, and am duly admitted to practice before this Court. I am one of the attorneys principally responsible for the representation of Elissa D. Miller (the "Trustee"), the duly appointed, qualified, and acting chapter 7 trustee for the estate of the debtor Girardi Keese (the "Debtor") in this case. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below, and if called as a witness, could and would competently testify thereto under oath.

2. I make this declaration in support of the "Notice of Motion and Motion for Order Requiring Production of Documents Pursuant to Rule 2004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure; Memorandum of Points and Authorities; Declaration of Ronald Richards in Support Thereof" (the "Motion"), pursuant to which the Trustee requests, pursuant to Rule 2004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Local Bankruptcy Rule 2004-1, an order directing ULLMAN ACCOUNTANCY CORP and Michael J. Ullman ("Ullman") to produce the documents identified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto (the "Requested Documents") by no later than July 21, 2021, and that Ullman appear for examination, under oath, and that such examination take place on July 23, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., Pacific Time.

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1 3. In accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 2004-1(a), the Trustee's
2 SLC contacted Michael Ullman's office at 8:30am and discussed the meet and confer
3 requirement with Kathleen P., his assistant. She provided an email address. SLC sent
4 an email confirming the meet and confer and confirming that Ullman would want a court
5 order to release the financial documents. Later in the morning, SLC spoke again with
6 Kathleen P. and confirmed the email was received. SLC requested during that call Mr.
7 Ullman send a response email confirming the documents would not be produced without
8 a court order. A second email was sent to Mr. Ullman requesting him to confirm he
9 required a court order. A third call was placed by the SLC who again spoke to Kathleen
10 P.. Now, instead of Mr. Ullman being in the office, he had to leave for an unexpected
11 "emergency" meeting. SLC has made a good faith effort to meet and confer and advised
12 Kathleen P. he had tried and could not force Mr. Ullman to speak to him.

13 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of
14 America that the foregoing is true and correct.

15 Executed this 23rd day of June, 2021.

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/s/ Ronald Richards
Ronald Richards

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EXHIBIT A

INSTRUCTIONS

1. You are instructed to produce the Requested Documents (as defined and described below) that are in your possession, custody or control, including, but not limited to, Requested Documents in the possession of your attorneys, accountants, bookkeepers, agents, and/or representatives. You are further instructed to produce the Requested Documents as they are kept in the usual course of business. In addition, Requested Documents are to be produced in their entirety; redacted Requested Documents will not constitute compliance with this request.
2. If you contend that the contents of a Requested Document are protected from disclosure because of privilege or the work-product doctrine, you must supply a description of that Requested Document by providing the following information:
- A. Each privilege or doctrine which you contend protects the contents of that Requested Document from disclosure;
 - B. Each fact upon which you rely to support your claim of privilege;
 - C. The type of Requested Document (e.g., letter, memorandum, telegram, facsimile transmission, e-mail, computer database, notes, memorandum of telephone conversation, etc.);
 - D. The date of the Requested Document or if it bears no date, the date on which it was prepared;
 - E. The name of each author of the Requested Document;
 - F. The name of each person to whom the Requested Document was directed;
 - G. The name of each person who received or reviewed the Requested Document or to whom the Requested Document or a copy of it was supplied; and
 - H. The general subject matter of the Requested Document.

1 3. In the event that any Requested Document described below has
2 been destroyed, discarded, or otherwise disposed of (a "Disposal"), each such
3 Requested Document is to be identified as completely as possible, including, without
4 limitation, the following information:

5 A. The type of Requested Document (e.g., letter, memorandum,
6 telegram, facsimile transmission, e-mail, computer database, notes, memorandum of
7 telephone conversation, etc.);

8 B. The date of the Requested Document or, if it bears no date,
9 the date on which it was prepared;

10 C. The name of each author of the Requested Document;

11 D. The name of each person to whom the Requested Document
12 was directed;

13 E. The name of each person who received or reviewed the
14 Requested Document or to whom the Requested Document or a copy thereof was
15 supplied;

16 F. The general subject matter of the Requested Document;

17 G. The date of Disposal;

18 H. The manner of Disposal;

19 I. The reasons for the Disposal;

20 J. The name of the person who authorized the Disposal;

21 K. The name of the person who disposed of the Requested
22 Document;

23 L. The name of the custodian of the Requested Document at the
24 time of the Disposal.

25 4. These requests are not limited as to time period unless so stated.

26 **DEFINITIONS**

27 The following definitions apply herein:

28 A. The term "Case" shall mean that bankruptcy case styled In re Girardi

1 Keese, presently pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of
2 California, Los Angeles Division, bearing Case No. 2:20-bk-21022-BR commenced on
3 December 18, 2020.

4 B. The term “Claim” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in 11 U.S.C. §
5 101(5).

6 C. The terms “Trustee” or “Miller” shall mean Elissa D. Miller, the duly
7 appointed, qualified, and acting chapter 7 trustee for the Debtor’s estate.

8 D. The term “Creditor” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in 11
9 U.S.C. § 101(10).

10 E The term “Communications” shall mean any transmission of
11 information from one person or entity to another by mail, facsimile, electronic mail, text
12 message, instant messaging, audio recordings, journals, diaries, logs, or calendars,
13 including (without limitation) any form of memorialization of personal meetings,
14 conferences, telephone conversations, radio, electronic mail, teleconference, etc.

15 F. The term “Debt” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in 11 U.S.C. §
16 101(12).

17 G. The term “Involuntary Petition” shall mean that certain involuntary
18 chapter 7 petition styled In re Girardi Keese, presently pending in the United States
19 Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Los Angeles Division, bearing Case No.
20 2:20-bk-21022-BR.

21 H. The term “Ullman” shall mean ULLMAN ACCOUNTANCY CORP,
22 Michael J. Ullman and any of their respective employees, affiliates, representatives,
23 agents, attorneys, accountants, and all other persons acting or purporting to act on their
24 behalf.

25 I. The term “Erika” shall mean Erika Jayne aka Erika Girardi aka Erika
26 Chahoy, and any of their respective employees, affiliates, representatives, agents,
27 attorneys, accountants, and all other persons acting or purporting to act on her behalf.

28 J. The term “Petition Date” shall mean December 18, 2020, the date

1 the Involuntary Petition was filed.

2 K. The terms “and” or “or” or “and/or” shall be construed either
3 disjunctively or conjunctively or both, as necessary, to bring within the scope of any
4 request for responses which might otherwise be construed to be outside the scope.

5 L. The term “Contact Information” shall mean information upon which a
6 person or entity may be reached via mail, telephone, facsimile, e-mail or in person or any
7 other medium that is reasonable, and shall include without limitation, present and last
8 known address(es), phone number(s), facsimile number(s), and e-mail address(es).

9 M. The terms “Document” or “Documents” shall mean and includes any
10 medium, including without limitation, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs,
11 audio and video recordings, computerized records, such as e-mails, microfilm,
12 microfiche, data compilations, upon which intelligence or information can be recorded,
13 maintained or retrieved, including without limitation, the original or a copy thereof,
14 regardless of the origin and location, of any writing or recording of any type or
15 description, however produced or reproduced, which is in your or your representatives’
16 possession, custody or control, or to which you have or had access, or of which you have
17 knowledge or which you have a right or privilege to examine upon request or demand,
18 and includes any and all writings and recordings as the term is used in Rule 1001(1) of
19 the Federal Rules of Evidence and includes the original (or a copy if the original is not
20 available) and any nonidentical copies (whether different from the original because of
21 notes made on the copy or otherwise).

22 N. The terms “relate to”, “refer to”, “evidence”, “concern”, “pertain to”
23 and “pertaining to” shall mean mentioning, discussing, including, summarizing,
24 describing, reflecting, containing, referring to, relating to, depicting, connected with,
25 embodying, evidencing, constituting, concerning, reporting, purporting or involving an act,
26 occurrence, event, transaction, fact, thing, or course of dealing.

27 O. The term “you” or “your” shall mean ULLMAN ACCOUNTANCY
28 CORP, Michael J. Ullman, both collectively, and Michael J. Ullman individually, and any

1 of their respective employees, affiliates, representatives, agents, attorneys, accountants,
2 and all other persons acting or purporting to act on their behalf. The term "Ullman" shall
3 be used interchangeably with the terms "you" or "your".

4 P. The singular form of a word should be interpreted as plural and the
5 plural should be interpreted as singular to give the word or words the broadest possible
6 meaning.

7 Q. The masculine gender of any word shall be construed to include the
8 masculine, feminine, and neuter gender.

9 **REQUESTED DOCUMENTS**

10 1. All communications between you and Erika, or where a third party
11 was on the email chain or group text message. including, but not limited to, emails and
12 text messages.

13 2. All financial statements, pleadings, or non-privileged portions of the
14 legal family law file for Erika.

15 3. All communications between you and attorney Michael Abrams or
16 Thomas Girardi.

17 4. All communications between Ullman and Larry A. Ginsburg or Harris
18 Ginsburg LLP or any its employees.

19 5. All documents evidencing any payments you received from Erika, or
20 any third party on Erika's behalf, including, without limitation, copies of checks, cashier's
21 checks, money orders, wire transfers, or other forms of payment.

22 6. All receipts documenting any form of payment you received from
23 Erika, or any third party on Erika's behalf.

24 7. All documents from any credit reporting agency regarding Erika.

25 8. All checks, cashier's checks, money orders, wire transfers, or other
26 forms of payment you received from Erika, or any third party on Erika's behalf, meant to
27 serve as a retainer or payment of a Ullman invoice including any professionals retained
28 by Ullman.

1 10. All financial documents and/or financial statements you received
2 from Erika, or any third party on Erika's behalf, or you prepared for Erika.

3 11. All communications between Ullman Accountancy Corp., Michael
4 Ullman, Allen Ullman, or Platinum Financial Management Inc. and any lender, financial
5 institution, or Bravo TV on behalf of Erika.

6 12. All bank statements you have in your possession, custody or control
7 for the following banks for Pretty Mess Inc., EJ Global, LLC, Erika Chahoy, Erika Girardi,
8 Erika Jayne, any company that you manager at Erika's direction.

9 13. All canceled checks, wire receipts, you have in your possession,
10 custody, or control for Pretty Mess Inc., EJ Global, LLC, Erika Chahoy, Erika Girardi,
11 Erika Jayne, any company that you manager at Erika's direction.

12 14. All invoices you have provided Erika for any services you have
13 provided.

14 15. All communications you have received for Pretty Mess Inc., EJ
15 Global, LLC, Erika Chahoy, Erika Girardi, Erika Jayne, any company that you manager at
16 Erika's direction, from the Internal Revenue Service, Franchise Tax Board, or any other
17 taxing agency.

18 16. All payments received from BravoTV, Real Housewives of Beverly
19 Hills franchise, or NBC.

20 17. All payments Erika has made to any employee, assistant, make up
21 artist, hair dress on her behalf including but not limited to any member of her GLAM
22 squad.

23 18. All loan documents, financial statements, and payments made for the
24 November 3, 2020 (same date as divorce filing) auto purchase from Desert European
25 Motors.

26 19. Copies of all titles or leases of any vehicle driven by Erika including
27 but not limited to her JP Morgan chase bank loan.

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PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:
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Beverly Hills, CA 90213

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): _____
Notice of Motion and Motion for a 2004 examination for Ullman Accountancy Corp, Michael Ullman

will be served or was served **(a)** on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and **(b)** in the manner stated below:

1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (*date*) June 23, 2021, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

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2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL:

On (*date*) _____, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (*state method for each person or entity served*): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (*date*) June 23, 2021, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

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